

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Labour Employment Training and Factories (Lab.IV) Department –
Launching of Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) Scheme in the State
of AP for specified workers in Unorganized Sectors – Orders – Issued.

LABOUR EMPLOYMENT TRAINING AND FACTORIES (LAB.IV) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Ms.No.50

Dated: 07.4.2012

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.65, Labour, Employment, Training & Factories (Lab.IV) Department, Dated: 27.07.2010.
2. Letter No:U-23013/06/2010-BL, Dated 10.11.2010 from the Government of India, Ministry of Labour & Employment, New Delhi.
3. Lr.No.5483/Lab.IV/A1/2011-1, dated 20.07.2011 From the Government of A.P., Hyderabad.
4. Letter of Sri Mallikarjuna Kharge, Union Minister of Labour and Employment addressed to Hon'ble CM.
5. D.O.No.M-1907/01/2011 RW, dated: 02.8.2011.
6. Meeting held by the Director General Labour Welfare, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Govt. of India on 31.03.2012 at Hyderabad.
7. From the Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Lr.No.2505/E/2012, dated: 04.2.2012.

ORDER:

In the G.O. read above the Government have issued orders approving the project for reducing vulnerability conditions to bondage situations and exploitative labour practices in respect of migrant workers engaged in brick-kilns and the Project shall be implemented by the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. The Government of India have also issued instructions to the States to cover the brick kiln workers as building and other construction workers.

2. A series of workshops were conducted on the subject in Rangareddy district, which was attended by the District Collector, Rangareddy, Commissioner of Labour, Officials of other line departments and Central Trade Union Leaders / Non Governmental Organizations and workshops conducted at Government level. In the workshops convened at Government level, the Officials of Government of India and Government of Orissa have also attended and it has been mutually agreed between the Government of Orissa and the Government of Andhra Pradesh to coordinate with each other and Government of India shall be the facilitator to implement the project on reducing vulnerability conditions to bondage of migrant workers. Consequently, a state level coordination committee was also constituted to liaise with Government of Orissa.

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3. As per the decisions taken in these meetings, on implementation of the project on reducing vulnerability conditions to bondage of migrant workers, the Government Andhra Pradesh being a stake holder and concerned about the prevalence of bondage situations and exploitative Labour practices in the employments of Brick-Kiln, evolved a state Action Plan to implement a time-bound and result oriented project based.

4. In the meeting held on 31.03.2012 at Hyderabad by the Addl. Secretary and Director General, Labour Welfare, Ministry of Labour and Employment, Government of India on the subject, it has been agreed upon to introduce the Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (health Scheme) to the building and other construction workers working in brick-kilns in Rangareddy district in the State on **pilot basis** and the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board would be the “State Nodal Agency” to implement the scheme.

5. Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana is a Central Government Health Insurance Scheme for the BPL families, formally launched on 1st October, 2007. It is aimed to cover 36,820 Brick-kiln workers in the State as identified by the Andhra Pradesh Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare Board. On a pilot basis, Ranga Reddy District may be taken up to cover all the inter-State and intra-State / local workers registered as members of the Andhra Pradesh Building & Other Construction Workers Welfare (maintenance) Act, 1996 followed by the **districts of Hyderabad and Chittoor in the State.**

6. The details of the scheme and other modalities like premium to be paid, health care facilities (both out-patient and inpatient) to be provided etc., have been discussed at length and it has been decided to launch the scheme as the season is in offing on receipt of necessary orders from the Government. The Deputy Commissioner of Labour, Rangareddy who was also present in the meeting, has been instructed to continue the ongoing special drive taken up to register the brick-kiln workers with the Board by enrolling all the workers in all the eligible brick-kilns situated in Rangareddy district by the end of April, 2012. The Director General, Labour Welfare, Government of India has advised the Non Governmental Organization, (Aid-at-action) who attended the meeting to map the hospitals, clinics, dispensaries both private and Government and ascertain the information about the infrastructure existing with them to explore the possibilities to include the out-patient treatment also in the package as it has been felt necessary to extend the out-patient treatment service to the brick kiln workers as they are facing difficulty for taking treatment for small ailments/diseases like viral fever, gastroenteritis, Skin diseases, ENT problems in the existing private clinics by paying huge amounts towards consultation and for carrying out blood, urine test etc. Keeping in view all the above factors and the nature of work being attended by the brick-kiln workers, which is a seasonal activity and the current season will come to end by June of this year, it has been decided to implement the scheme.

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immediately by taking due approval from the Government. In the meeting the Director General, Labour Welfare, Government of India has mentioned that the entire premia under the Scheme has to be born by the Board and there is no change in other terms and conditions to be followed in implementing the RSBY scheme.

7. Under Rule 33-L of the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers' Welfare (RE&CS) Rules, 1999, the Board may formulate welfare schemes for building workers in furtherance of the functions mentioned in Section 22 of the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers (RE&CS) Act, 1996 which shall be approved by the Government before they are implemented.

8. The Government have, therefore, examined the proposal from the Board 7th read above to introduce Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana (RSBY) Scheme to the brick kiln workers in Rangareddy, Chittoor and Hyderabad districts in the State and hereby approve for implementation on **pilot basis in Ranga Reddy District** with the following guidelines:-

- I. The scheme shall be applicable to registered brick kiln (Construction) Workers. The scheme is initially for a period of one year and will be continued for further period on its successful implementation.
- II. Coverage under the scheme shall be provided to the brick kiln workers and their families as per the guide lines specified by the Government of India under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- III. The Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board shall select the Insurance Company through open tender process in a most transparent way as per the eligibility criteria prescribed in the guide lines under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana.
- IV. The Board shall enter into an agreement with the selected Insurance Company for smooth implementation of the scheme.
- V. While entering in to an agreement with the selected Insurance Company, the Andhra Pradesh Building and other Construction Workers Welfare Board shall also include the out patient treatment facility and other procedures required therein along with other procedures of treatments already specified in the draft document as discussed in the meeting held on 31.03.2012.
- VI. The entire premia shall be payable duly following the procedure under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana by the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Board to the Insurance Company on behalf of the eligible construction workers as specified by the Director General, Labour Welfare, Government of India in the meeting held at Hyderabad on 31.03.2012.

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- VII. The Board shall operate the scheme so efficiently to avail the benefits under the Scheme to all eligible brick kiln workers as per the guidelines issued under Rashtriya Swasthya Bima Yojana to benefit the workers directly.
- VIII. For the purpose of implementation of the scheme, the Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board has been appointed as State Nodal Agency in terms of the consent given by the Director General, Labour Welfare, Ministry of Labour & Employment, Government of India.
- IX. The Board shall solicit the technical support from the Director, Insurance of Medical Services in the process of implementation of the scheme wherever necessary.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

D.SREENIVASULU
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Secretary, Andhra Pradesh Building and Other Construction Workers Welfare Board, Hyderabad.

The Director, Insurance of Medical Services, Hyderabad.

The Commissioner of Labour, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

The District Collector, Ranga Reddy District, Hyderabad and Chittoor.

Copy to:

The Rural Development, A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The Health, Medical and Family Welfare Department.

The I& PR, Publicity Cell, Secretariat, Hyderabad.

The Secretary to State Legislative Assembly, Hyderabad.

The P.S to Additional Secretary to Hon'ble Chief Minister.

The OSD to M (LETFB&ITIs).

The P.S. to Principal Secretary to Chief Minister.

The P.S. to Special Secretary to Chief Minister.

The P.S. to Chief Secretary to Government.

The P.S. to Principal Secretary, LET & F Department.

The P.A. to Joint Secretary, LET & F Department.

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